



The Library Lookout

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Wish List

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Popular Selections

Chosen by Librarian Helen Shaw

Children:

Drescher	<i>When Your Child is 6-12</i>
Koss	<i>The Girls</i>
Paulsen	<i>Tucket's Home</i>
Thompson	<i>Speaking of Boys</i>
Kirkerger	<i>Teen Love-Friendships</i>

Adults:

Berg	<i>Open House</i>
Davis	<i>Winter Range</i>
Francis	<i>Shattered</i>
Armstrong	<i>It's Not About the Bike</i>
Clancy	<i>The Bear and the Dragon</i>
Summers	<i>Arrogance of Power</i>

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LATEST NEWS

Compiled by Jim Foster

WINDOWS RESTORATION PROJECT

Work has begun on the Library's window restoration project. Thanks to funding provided by the New Century Grant Project and the Bloomfield Trustees, all first floor windows and a number of second story windows will be repaired and restored to their original 1889 condition. Each window will be removed and necessary repairs made. In keeping with the original decor, outside sashes will be painted black and inside sashes will be varnished. All window sash counterweight systems will be repaired and returned to operating condition. State of the art weather stripping will be installed around all windows to provide greater comfort for library patrons and to reduce heating costs. In order to repair the second floor windows, some masonry work will be undertaken. Existing storm windows will be removed, cleaned and replaced.

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library were instrumental in obtaining the New Century Grant which has allowed this much needed project to become a reality. Steve Dionne of Dionne & Sons Builders is the project contractor. The project architect is Sylvanus Doughty of Hallowell.

As part of the window restoration project, the Bloomfield Trustees have also funded the repair and restoration of the Library's beautiful and unique stained glass windows. These windows, which are a part of Skowhegan's Civil War Memorial, will be repaired and cleaned.

The window restoration project should not interfere with the day to day operation of the Library. The Library appreciates your patience and consideration while work is being completed.

FOML Conference

Skowhegan Friends officers Jim Foster and Marcia Granville, and Library Trustee Bill Laney, attended the September Conference of the Friends of Maine Libraries. The keynote speaker gave a slideshow presentation on historic library architecture in Maine, and our Skowhegan Library was one of the libraries featured.

News from 1974

A wonderful collection of Anna Freeman's columns written in the 70's for both the *Somerset Reporter* and the *Morning Sentinel* are currently on display in the reading room at the library. Come and enjoy an hour or two of reminiscence with these well-written articles.

Children's Nonfiction Wish List

Here is the wish list of children's nonfiction books to add to the library collection. This list was composed by Lois Moody and Kathy Hughes and is available at the desks both upstairs and downstairs at the library. If you would like to give the Children's Room an early Holiday present, please let one of the librarians know which title you have chosen. She will tell you the price of your selection (20% off retail) and will ask you what inscription you wish copied onto the book plate.

Prices vary from \$7.16 to \$20.20. THANK YOU!

The Everything Kids' Nature Book - Kowalski

The Kids Can Press Jumbo Book of Gardening - Morris

Look What I Did With a Shell! - Sohi

Head to Toe Science Activities - Wiese

Apples - Gibbons

An Apple a Day - Gillis

Cool as a Cucumber, Hot as a Pepper - Lerner

Draw 50 Trees, Flowers and Other Plants - Ames

Glorious Grasses - Hughes

How Leaves Change - Johnson

Why do Leaves Change Color - Maestro

Colonial Times: 1600-1700 - Masoff

Colonial Times - Hazen

A Day in the Life of a Colonial School teacher - Wilmore

Journey to Monticello: Traveling in Colonial Times - Knight

Kids in Colonial Times - Wroble

The Long Road to Gettysburg - Murphy

Everyday Life During the Civil War - Varhola

Civil War Medicines - Wilbur

Book Reviews

by Marcia Granville

It's Not About the Bike

by Lance Armstrong with Sally Jenkins.

Those who keep track of sporting events will already know that Lance Armstrong has just won the Tour de France for the second time. They also know that he has won an even bigger event, the battle against testicular cancer. The book, *It's Not About the Bike*, tells the story of his illness and his comeback afterward.

There is something in the book for readers of all sorts. There is the autobiography of a sports figure, a tale of courage, a true story of a major illness fought. There is even the account of a personality changed, moderated by the effects of the illness and process of recovery. I, personally, found *It's Not About the Bike* to be well written and very readable.

Amazing Grace

by Kathleen Norris

The subtitle is A Vocabulary of Faith. That's exactly what *Amazing Grace* is. Kathleen Norris explains that there are several Christian terms which have always been scary for her. In this book, she takes them one at a time and defines them as she sees them. She has researched the meanings of words like salvation, exorcism, righteous and apocalypse in such places as *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*, *The Presbyterian Book of Common Worship* and the writings of biblical scholars. She then relates an anecdote or two to explain the terms in a way we can readily understand.

An award winning poet, Kathleen Norris has used her skill with words to write a book which is easy to read and even entertaining while explaining parts of her religion to herself and to others.

Tranquillity Falls Revisited

A Mystery in Three Acts
written by
Corrilla Hastings and Marcia Granville



Mystery
Theater
and Dessert

7:00 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2000
Methodist Church,
Dr. Mann Rd., Skowhegan

presented by
Friends of the
Skowhegan Free Public Library

Tickets \$7.50
Please call 474-7207 or 474-3949



Harry Potter Party

Calling all Wizards!
(Muggles are welcome too)

Games, crafts and fun at the Skowhegan Free Public Library 1 to 2 p. m., Saturday, October 14 Come in costume (optional). Bring your broom. (There will be prizes for the most original.)

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WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ADULT	1-8:30	10-8	10-8	1-8:30	1-7:30	10-2
CHILDREN	3-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	3-5:30	3-5:30	10-2

BECOME A FRIEND OF YOUR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Skowhegan Free Public Library, a not for profit group dedicated to supporting and improving the library for all members of the community, invite you to join us. Dues are \$10. individuals, \$8. Seniors & Students, and \$15. for families. We normally meet at the Library the second Wednesday of every other month, unless scheduling conflicts require another date. For more information, call Corrilla Hastings (474-3949).

Please complete this form and mail to Kathy Hughes, RR1, Box 2760, Skowhegan, Me 04976. Welcome.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Tel. # _____
E-Mail Address _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Each Monday night in October and November, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Library)
Free Basic Computer Class (call Jim at 474-2589 or e-mail
jfooster@somtel.com for details)

Saturday, October 14, 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Library)
Harry Potter Party See page 3

Friday, October 27 (Centenary United Methodist Church)
Return to Tranquillity Falls (Play)
Tickets \$7.50 See ad page 3

Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. (Library)
Friends of the S.F.P.L. Membership Meeting
All welcome Program: String Concert, Skowhegan Middle School students



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Skowhegan, ME 04976

Your Librarians Are:

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